

Application No. 10/597,546
Election dated May 13, 2010
Restriction Requirement mailed April 13, 2010

REMARKS

The Examiner has pointed out informalities in the use of multiple dependent claiming. The claims have been amended to correct this informality by omitting many of the multiple dependencies and adding separate dependent claims to replace some of those omitted.

The Examiner has subjected pending claims 1-19 to a restriction and/or election requirement. Applicant elects Species II, Sub-species B, for examination. The election is without traverse.

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the claims, and as a result, it can be better seen that the features identified by the Examiner as characteristic of Species III and IV are separate features that are not mutually exclusive alternatives to, but can be claimed in combination with, each other and either Species I or Species II. For example, claim 8 relates to accounting for the moving of the printhead in a subsequent feeding step. Further, claim 10 limits the adjusting step of claim 1. It is submitted that all of the claims, as amended, are properly examined with the elected species and sub-species II. B.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 13 16-17, 19, and 21 encompass the elected Species II, Sub-species B. Claims 1-4, 7-10, 12, 13, 16-17, and 21 are generic to Species II, Sub-species A and B. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13, 17, and 19 are generic to Species I and II, Sub-species B. Claims 1-4, 7-10, 13 and 17 are generic to all species and sub-species.

Application No. 10/597,546
Election dated May 13, 2010
Restriction Requirement mailed April 13, 2010

Applicants are of the opinion that no fee is due as a result of this Amendment. If any additional charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,
WOOD, HERRON & EVANS LLP.

By: / Joseph R. Jordan /
Joseph R. Jordan, Reg. No. 25,686

2700 Carew Tower
441 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
513/241-2324 (voice)
513/241-6234 (facsimile)
1159995v1